punctuality of Mail–Express trains improved to 88.8% during 1995-96 (April '95 to Jan. '96) as against 87.1% during the corresponding period of the previous year. A list of Mail/Express trains which lost punctuality often between April '95 to Jan. '96 is enclosed. (*see* below).

(d) Intensive chasing and daily monitoring at different levels, including holding of daily punctuality meetings both at Divisional and Headquarters level and Foot-Plate Inspection by Senior Officers of different Departments are undertaken regularly. In addition, punctuality drives both at Inspectorial and Officers level are also launched and lacunae in the system whenever detected are dealt with.

Statement

Trains

1. 2625 Kerala Express
2. 1077 Jhelum Express
3. 2621 Tamil Nadu Express
4. 2617 Mangla Express
5. 8237 Chhatisgarh Express
6. 8301/8302 Hirakud Express
7. 8477/8478 Utkal Kalinga Express
8. 8475 Neelachal Express
9. 4055 Brahmaputra Mail
10. 5621/5622 N.E. Express
11. 2381 Poorva Express
12. 4667 Malwa Express
13. 2801 Purushottam Express
14. 2841/2842 Coromandal Express
15. 8233/8234 Narmada Express
16. 3004 Bombay V.T. Howrah Mail
17. 5609 Avadh-Assam Express
18. 6636 Netravati Express
19. 8001 Bombay VT-Howrah Mail
20. 1019 Konark Express
21. 3111/3112 Delhi-Sealdah Express
22. 1013 Kurla-Bangalore Express
23. 2479/2480 Goa Express
24. 8689/8690 Bokaro Steel City—Alleppey Express
25. 2553/2554 Vaishali Express

Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

717. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development has sanctioned a total loan assistance of Rs. 185.77 crore to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the completion of some minor and medium irrigation projects in the state; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and by when these projects will be taken up in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 206.93 crores to Government of Andhra Pradesh in the year 1995-96.

(b) The amount sanctioned is for completion of two supplementation schemes (Nizam Sagar Canals), ten medium, forty eight minor and fourteen lift irrigation schemes, which could be received as loan assistance from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and an amount of Rs. 84.50 crore will be borne by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The financing has been made with retrospective effect from 01-04-1995. The identified projects are at various stages of contruction and are programmed for completion by March, 1997.

Payment of Arrears of KV Teachers

718. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has failed to pay arrears of pay and allowances of some post graduate teachers who had been